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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT**

Appln. of: Michel Verhoeven et al.

Group Art Unit: 3763

Serial No.: 09/721,881

Examiner: Unassigned

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For: STENTS AND METHODS FOR PREPARING STENTS FROM WIRES HAVING
HYDROGEL COATING LAYERS THEREON

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231
Via Courier

Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 9, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 15.